

## REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 15, 16, 20 through 22, 32, 36, 38, 42, and 45 through 48 are pending, with Claims 15, 32, and 36 being independent. Claims 18, 19, 39 through 41, 43, 44, and 49 through 51 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 15, 22, 32, 36, 38, 47, and 48 have been amended.

Claims 15, 16, 18 through 22, 32, 36, and 38 through 51 yet again were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,680,746 B2 (Kawai, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 15, 32, and 36 variously recite, inter alia, updating the symbol image to a new symbol image according to the received information concerning the zoom state and generating a new map file including the new symbol image to be superimposed on the map image (with transmitting the one map file (the one map file being used, in common, for display by the plurality of communication apparatuses) to the communication apparatus which requests the one map file). (By way of example and not of limitation, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to, e.g., Fig. 6, which shows update of area 580; of course, the claims are not limited to the disclosed embodiments.)

However, Applicants respectfully submit that Kawai, et al. fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 15, 32, and 36.

The Official Action states at page 4 that Kawai, et al.'s Fig. 53, item 5301 constitutes the one map image as claimed. This statement is respectfully traversed. Applicants respectfully submit that said figure shows, e.g., map number data, floor name

data, bit-map file name data, and size of bit-map data, but is silent as to the above-discussed claimed features.

The Official Action also refers at page 4 to Kawai, et al.'s col. 2, lines 34 through 36, and col. 1, lines 11 through 20. This reference is respectfully traversed. Applicants respectfully submit that said portions refer, inter alia, to displaying symbols, but again are silent as to the above-discussed claimed features.

Still further, the Official Action relies at page 3 upon Kawai et al.'s Fig. 2, item 46, and Fig. 49, item 88. This reliance is respectfully traversed. Applicants respectfully submit that as to the first item, Kawai, et al. discloses, e.g., that the zoom ratio is displayed as, e.g., a character string on the map or the camera control window 46 (e.g., col. 9, lines 1 through 5), and as to the second item, Kawai, et al. discloses, e.g., window 88 for displaying the parameter values of the currently selected camera (e.g., col. 27, line 34 et seq.). However, Applicants respectfully submit that such provides neither a description nor a suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features including generating a new map file including the new symbol image and transmitting with use in common for display by a plurality of apparatuses, as claimed.

Additionally, Applicants respectfully note that Kawai, et al.'s Figs. 6 and 7 show, e.g., that a plurality of camera operation apparatuses 50-1 to 50-n are connected to a network 52; however, Applicants respectfully submit that said apparatuses do not show the above-discussed claimed features including generating a new map file including the new symbol image (according to the information concerning the zoom state) to be superimposed on the map image (with transmitting the one map file (the one map file being used, in common, for display by the plurality of communication apparatuses), as claimed.

Still further, Applicants respectfully note that Kawai, et al.'s Figs. 37 and 38 show, e.g., tables including "zoom ratio"; however, Applicants respectfully submit that such also fails to show the above-discussed claimed features including generating a new map file including the new symbol image (according to the information concerning the zoom state) to be superimposed on the map image (with transmitting the one map file (the one map file being used, in common, for display by the plurality of communication apparatuses).

Also, Applicants respectfully note that Kawai, et al.'s Figs. 11 through 13 show, e.g., a zooming operation, with drawing of a line, etc. (e.g., col. 11, lines 24 through 50); however, Applicants respectfully submit that such also fails to show the above-discussed claimed features including generating a new map file including the new symbol image (according to the information concerning the zoom state) to be superimposed on the map image (with transmitting the one map file (the one map file being used, in common, for display by the plurality of communication apparatuses), as claimed.

Lastly, Applicants respectfully note that Kawai, et al. discloses, e.g., (a) a secondary memory 26 that stores map data (e.g., col. 6, lines 20-24), (b) that the bit-map display in each apparatus displays video data captured by the video capture device and video data received from the network, and the apparatuses can transmit/receive commands (e.g., col. 9, lines 30-54), and (c) that the camera control client 472 receives the maps from the camera management server 468 (e.g., col. 30, lines 4-8). However, Applicants respectfully submit that neither the foregoing nor the remainder of Kawai, et al. provides either a description or a suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 15, 32, and 36. In addition, the Official Notice is respectfully traversed in the absence of a cited reference. MPEP 2144.03. It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited

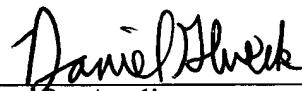
documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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